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Re Application of:)
Toshiaki INOUE) Confirmation No.: 5287
Application No.: 10/563,748) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: January 9, 2006) Examiner: Unassigned
For: DATA TRANSMISSION METHOD,)
DATA TRANSMISSION CIRCUIT,)
OUTPUT CIRCUIT, INPUT)
CIRCUIT, SEMICONDUCTOR)
DEVICE, AND ELECTRONIC)
DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A Chinese Office Action dated June 1, 2007 that issued in a counterpart Chinese patent application and having documents cited therein is attached, along with its English-language translation, for the Examiner's consideration.

The relevance of the attached foreign language document can be understood from the attached English-language abstract, and from the citation of this document in the attached Chinese Office Action dated June 1, 2007.

Except as discussed below, the cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies of the cited documents are also attached hereto.

While the Chinese Office Action dated June 1, 2007 additionally cites to JP 5-63574, this document is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because it was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on October 23, 2006.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, *or* credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,


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